

1. Amendments to the Specification

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9, page 7, with the following amended paragraph:

Due to the fact that in the hair-trimmer 1 the end-housing 39, the tool holder 43 and the cutting unit 46 are solidly connected to the rotatably mounted motor mounting 27, it becomes possible for the end-housing 39, the tool holder 43 and the cutting unit 46 to be mounted and pivotable about the axis of pivot 26. For this reason, it needs to be ensured in the hair-trimmer 1 that the comb device 21 too can be pivoted about the axis of pivot 26, even though the said comb device 21 is connected to the comb holder 22, which is adjustable solely in the direction indicated by the double-headed arrow 23, i.e. parallel to the axis of pivot 26. To enable the comb device 21 to pivot in this way, the projections 25 on the comb holder 22 co-operate with two slots extending perpendicularly to the axis of pivot 26, which slots cannot be seen in Figs. 1 to 3 but are provided in the comb device 21 and, as a result of their configuration and the path they follow perpendicular to the axis of pivot 26, allow the comb device to pivot about the axis of pivot 26.

2. Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 27, page 7, with the following amended paragraph:

In the hair-trimmer 1, the loading means [[55]] are formed by spring means, the loading means 55, i.e. the spring means, being formed by a spring having a U-shaped configuration, as can clearly be seen from Fig. 3. In the region of its cross-member 56, the spring 55 is connected to the head part 3, that is to say to the motor-mounting 27 in the head part 3. In the region of each of its two sides 57 and 58, the spring 55 co-operates with a positioning extension 59 connected to the

main part 2. In the present case, the positioning extension 59 is formed by a positioning lug 59 that projects from the housing top section 8 into the interior of the housing and that is shown in Fig. 3.

3. At page 11, beginning at line 1, please replace the Abstract with the following amended paragraph:

A personal care apparatus (1) includes a main part (2) and a head part (3)[[,]]. The main part (2) is designed to be held in one hand, the head part (3) is pivotable relative to the main part (2) about an axis of pivot (26) and a return spring (55) is provided between the main part (2) and the head part (3)[[,]]. This enables the head part (3) to be pivotable by the return spring (55) in synchronization with varying displacing forces that act on the head part (3) in the course of a hair-cutting operation, and to be positionable by the return spring (55) in a defined rest position relative to the main part (2) when there are no displacing forces present.